Bombay Municipal Corporation dues against ONGC

582. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC owes substantial amounts toBombay Municipal Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details and extent of such dues;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Bombay Municipal Corporation is contemplating serious action in this respect ; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken by ONGC to settle the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (d) The Bombay Municipal Corporation had claimed octroi duty on natural gas being supplied by ONGC to consumers in Bombay. ONGC had requested the BMC to withdraw the claim as it felt that natural gas is not subject to levy of octroi duty. The ONGC have since moved the Bombay High Court which has granted a stay till the admission of the writ petition.

Government's approval to Dadri Power Project (U.P.)

583. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dadri power project in Uttar Pradesh has been approved by Government ;

(b) if so, whether it would be completed during the Eighth Plan Period ; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and the names of the States to be benefited thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The requisite information in regard to the power projects approved by the Government which will be set up at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh and will be completed during the Eighth Plan period is given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Approved Cost	Beneficiary States/ Union Territories
(i)	Coal based National Capital Thermal Power Project (840 MW)	Rs. 1063.60 Crores	Delhi/Uttar Pradesh
(ii)	Gas Basd Power Project (817 MW)	Rs. 783.44 Crores	States of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territories of Delhi and Chandigarh.